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City of Kingston Parks and Recreation Department announces 2016 Earth Fair and Expo

Program: Kingston Earth Fair and Expo 2016
Location: Forsyth Park, 157 Lucas Ave Kingston NY 12401
When: April 23rd, 2016
10:00am-3:00pm

The City of Kingston Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled an Earth Fair and Expo to be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 10:00am-3:00pm at Forsyth Park and the Forsyth Nature Center in Kingston. This event, now the third consecutive celebration of Earth Day in Kingston, will include a staff-led green infrastructure tour of the Forsyth Nature Center, highlighting some of the Nature Center's most impressive sustainable features, such as its rain garden and 1.2 KW solar arrays.

"The City of Kingston is a leader in sustainability for a small city in our region," noted Julie Noble, City of Kingston Environmental Education and Sustainability Coordinator. "The Earth Fair and Expo is an opportunity to spotlight the great work the city is doing, how government can lead by example while also inviting the community to come and learn, be inspired and take action for our earth. This type of community engagement is perfectly aligned with the goals and principles of the City's Climate Action Plan."

The event will host local businesses and organizations which will be showcasing their commitment to sustainability; local food, including Stone Soup Food Company, and music, including local favorites The Mike and Ruthy Band. Participants can sit in the Mayor's electric vehicle, learn about how to go solar, peruse used books, participate in a Yoga class or just come to be inspired. Businesses and residents alike will take away great ideas and resources. There will be lots of fun for the kids, including a Children's book reading by local artist Jerice Baptiste. Giveaways, demonstrations, and simple solutions will be sure to make this an event not to miss.

This event is supported by the Friends of Forsyth Nature Center, Climate Smart Kingston, the Kingston Conservation Advisory Council, RUPCO and Hudson Valley Tech Meetup.

The Earth Fair and Expo will be held rain or shine. Parking will be available at the Nature Center's Dietz Stadium Entrance and/or the Lucas Avenue Entrance to Forsyth Park.

For more information about this event, including exhibitor registration or volunteering, contact Kingston Parks and Recreation Department at (845)481-7339 or on www.kingston-ny.gov/earthexpo.

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